

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

“Whiskey Never Served At Mansion,” Governor States

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MANSON AND WHISKY . . . Said Gov. Terry Sanford last week: “Whisky has never been served at the Mansion and never will be . . .”

The Governor added that “anybody who has ever attended a party or any function at the Mansion knows that to be true.”

Is that so? Let's look at a little research we have done on the matter since reading Governor Sanford's statement. First, let me say that I have never seen whisky served at any party at the Mansion. But many and many people through the years have armed themselves with substantial drinks just before visiting the Mansion.

Whisky and politics have been bosom buddies in North Carolina and elsewhere for several years. That is why the Governor's statement caused raised eyebrows in heavy-drinking Raleigh. But he told the truth.

TEE-TOTALER . . . Governor Terry Sanford is personally as dry as the Sahara. So is Mrs. Sanford.

Governor Luther Hodges, while living in Raleigh at least, was almost a tee-totaler . . . but not quite. A close friend of his recalls the slight embarrassment a visiting British dignitary created. It was summertime and the Hodges and their visitor were sitting casually chatting on the porch. The British one let it be known that he was just dying, don't you know, for a Scotch-and-soda.

Mrs. Hodges, in a courteous but firm manner let this gentleman know that liquor was not served at the Mansion. Now Governor Hodges, being a Scotch-and-soda man himself on rare occasions, might have seized something up to keep the British visitor alive. But, if so, the drinking was done on the much-more-private second floor of the Mansion.

FIRST FLOOR . . . Governors' families through the years have regarded the first floor of the Mansion as hardly belonging to them as a home at all.

This is the place the public is invited to when it visits the Mansion. Teas for the garden club members are held here. Visiting firemen and the like come here and return home telling friends about how they visited with and shook hands with “Ol' Terry.”

DRY GOVERNORS . . . In the past 40 years—that carries us back to 1923—we have had only one Governor who cared much for whiskey. He was one of our better Governors . . . and we still can't understand how most people seem to take a fiendish delight in referring to his liquor-drinking. I suppose it gives them the feeling of knowing something really personal about a great man.

Be that as it may, we would say that if our Governors of the past 40 years had anything in common besides being Democrats it was their aversion to whisky. They have cared very little for it.

William B. Umstead was a dray-as-a-bone Governor. And, in fact, was partly, or mostly, responsible for the departure of a heavy-drinking State official.

While Commissioner of Agriculture, Kerr Scott used to keep a little home-made black-berry wine in the bottom drawer of his big desk. Like a schoolboy slipping behind the barn for a cigarette, Commissioner Scott would have a sip or two after quitting-time. On very, very rare occasions he would drink a beer . . . and one time remarked to a friend it would have suited him all right if they had “left it in the horse.”

Nevertheless, there were two items Kerr Scott disliked heartily . . . whisky and cigarettes. Cigars, chewing tobacco, a pipe on occasions, but no cigarettes ever.

Sunday School Teachers Clyde Hoey and J. M. Broughton were dry. It may be that Governor Broughton would sip at a beer . . . just to be “one of the boys” . . . but cared nothing for it. It is ironical that legalized liquor came into North Carolina and got its firm hold during these dry Governor's terms of office (1937-1945).

We heard 80 years ago that O. Max Gardner liked to use kraut juice as a chaser for his occasional drink. Since he was the closest thing we have had to a full-blooded, swashbuckling, vigorous sport, Gardner knew how to handle his alcohol if and when he indulged.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, ill most of his term as Governor, was tolerant toward whiskey but generally eschewed it.

CANDIDATES, TOO . . . By and large, the heavy drinking in the political world is done by the supporters rather than by the candidates.

Now let's consider the three men most mentioned at the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner as gubernatorial candidates next year. They were Dr. I. Beverly Lake, Dr. Henry Jordan, and Bert Bennett. They are drink-holders; not drink-drinkers. In other words, they get a drink at a party and walk around holding it for the whole evening. This goes, also, for Republican Charles Jonas. They are sometimes referred to as “ginger ale addicts.”

A candidate for office told us one time it would be “foolish” for him to drink. In the first place, he pointed out, the drinks would cause him to say things he might regret later. And, in the second place, he could not hold out through the round of parties which are thrust upon every candidate for important office.

BOOTLEGGERS . . . We have prisoners, male and female, who work at the Mansion as maids, cooks, and butlers, etc. Bootleggers have left whiskey

Zionville News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson and Mrs. Ed Bumgardner of Palm Beach, Fla., attended the funeral Saturday of Mrs. Bumgardner's sister, Mrs. Ella Love, who died April 4 at Cannon Hospital, Banner Elk.

Mrs. Beatie Johnson of Mountain City, Tenn., is visiting the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Eggers. Ernest Eggers and Lesley Martin of Kingsport visited last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Wilson of Boone and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman of Mountain City visited Sunday with Mrs. E. N. Norris.

Blain Thomas, who had surgery March 31, at the Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Lexington, Va., is recuperating at the home of Mrs. Odel Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were returning to Maryland after visiting their parents when he was taken sick.

Those visiting Mrs. Allen Cornett Sunday were Mrs. Jennie Miller and Joy, Mrs. Hubb Brown and Rom of Boone, Mrs. Jimmy Hall and Ricky of Hickory, Mrs. Blaine Thomas of Maryland, and Mrs. Jack Taylor of Shouns, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Potter of Charlotte spent the week end recently with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle.

Clay Reese is ill at his home here.

Will Miller is still a patient at the Cannon Hospital in Banner Elk. Mrs. Miller visits him every day. His condition is improving.

Clyde Wallace of Trade, Tenn., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Winebarger of Michigan visited Monday with Grady Norris.

under Mansion yard shrubbery for this domestic help. This has resulted in at least one little party deep in the heart of the Mansion basement. Out of it came an illegitimate child and the Governor's statement.

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